

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 USUN N 01214 102259Z

67

ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 ARA-16 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03

SS-20 USIA-15 AF-10 EA-11 EUR-25 NEA-10 DRC-01 /162 W

----- 036437

R 102247Z APR 74

FM USMISSION USUN NEWYORK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3456

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 1214

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UN, RQ, PFOR, VE

SUBJ: PUERTO RICO IN UN COMMITTEE OF 24: VENEZUELAN
POSITION

REF: STATE 071592

1. AT REQUEST OF PUERTO RICAN RESIDENT COMMISSIONER IN WASHINGTON JAIME BENITEZ, MISOFFS BRIEFED HIM AT LENGTH APRIL 5 ON CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN COMMITTEE OF 24 ON PUERTO RICAN ISSUE. IN COURSE OF BRIEFING, MISOFFS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF DIRECT PUERTO RICAN APPROACH TO LEADERS OF VENEZUELA'S RULING PARTY. BENITEZ REACTED FAVORABLY TO OUR SUGGESTION AND PROMISED TO RAISE IT WITH GOVERNOR AND SECSTATE VICTOR PONS. BENITEZ MADE SOMEWHAT CRYPTIC COMMENT THAT POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADERS MIGHT ATTEMPT TO REDEEM "POLITICAL DEBT" WHICH VENEZUELA ELDER STATES-MAN BETANCOURT SUPPOSEDLY OWES THEIR COLLEAGUE, FORMER US AMBASSADOR MOSCOSO.

2. IN CHANCE ENCOUNTER AT OPENING UNGA SPECIAL SESSION APRIL 9, VENEZUELA'S DIAZ-GONZALEZ TOLD MISOFFS HE WOULD BE IN US FOR NEXT FEW WEEKS, SPENDING THIS WEEK AT UN AND THEN ATTENDING OAS MEETING IN ATLANTA.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 USUN N 01214 102259Z

3. COMMENT: WHILE WE OF COURSE DEFER TO EMBASSY CARACAS

DECISION ON TIMING OF DEMARCHE AUTHORIZED REFTEL, WE
CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT IT SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE DIAZ-
GONZALEZ HAS TIME TO IMPOSE ON FONMINISTRY HIS VIEWS ON UN
HANDLING OF PUERTO RICAN ISSUE.
SCALI

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PERSONAL OPINION, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, POLITICAL LEADERS, PERSONNEL TRAVEL
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 APR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: WorrelSW
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974USUNN01214
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740083-0312
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740450/aaaabthy.tel
Line Count: 66
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 071592
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: WorrelSW
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01 JUL 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <01 JUL 2002 by cunninfx>; APPROVED <25 MAR 2003 by WorrelSW>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PUERTO RICO IN UN COMMITTEE OF 24: VENEZUELAN POSITION
TAGS: PFOR, RQ, VE, US, UN, (BENITEZ, JAIME), (DIAZ GONZALEZ)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005